GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1735
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BRINGING BACK ASHES OF LATE PT. SHYAMJI KRISHNA VERMA
DR. KIRIT SOMAIYA

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have taken up the issue of bringing back the ashes of the freedom fighter Late Pt. Shyamji Krishna Verma from Switzerland to India;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether his Ministry has received some letters from individual Members of Parliament, freedom fighters and other associations requesting for assistance in bringing back his ashes;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the stage at which the matter stands at present?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA)

(a) to (e) Yes, Sir. Government have taken note of representations regarding the bringing back of the ashes of freedom fighter Late Pandit Shyamji Krishna Verma from Switzerland. The Consulate General of India in Geneva has taken up the matter with the concerned authorities of the Canton of Geneva. It has been indicated that these authorities would also take into account the views of the St. George`s Chlorombarium in Geneva, which has been entrusted in 1930 by the family of the Late Pandit Shyamji Krishna Verma with the responsibility of preserving the ashes till 2038, before taking a decision in the matter.